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While Shepherds Watched. By Richard Aumerle Maher. New York: Macmillan, 1917. Pp. 159. \$1.25.

The author, evidently a devout Roman Catholic, has given a delicate but highly fanciful interpretation of the first two chapters of Luke and the Gospel account of the Nativity. The weakness and strength of the treatment of the story appears in the chapter entitled "The Mother of My God." Mary is represented making the journey from Nazareth to Hebron and meeting on the way the rough soldiers, who toss a child toward the spearpoint, and the tax gatherers who are ejecting a family. She sees the crosses, too, where Herod put criminals to death. All these experiences react upon her delicate nature. She "was the most perfect of God's human creations"; and "because she was the Woman, the Woman of Promise, the cry of all women was the cry of her own soul." This exaltation of Mary seems to us to have little warrant in the New Testament; but it is a beautiful tradition and here receives a reverent and exquisite treatment. The book is beautifully made.

Whatsoever a Man Soweth. By W. Howard Snyder. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1917. Pp. 74. \$0.50.

The writer here publishes two addresses which he well names "layman's sermons." The first gives the title to the book; the second is "The Race of Life." It is good talk, fitting, sensible and earnest. It gets down to earth in such sentences as these: "Do you see a hundred trains come in on a hundred consecutive days? Do you waste your time in gazing on street corners or in a never-ending game of 'pedro' or 'rummie'? If you do, remember that the harvest will be like the seed." Here is another: "Lust is man's endeavor to enjoy the pleasures of love without the responsibilities." Plain speaking like this is worth while.

The Wicked John Goode. By Horace Winthrop Scandlin. New York: Doran, 1917. Pp. 208. \$1.00.

Here we have a "vital document" out of the real life of the Bowery Mission in New York. The portrait shows us the face of a genuine man; the tale matches the rugged countenance. The story is told with fine reserve; there is no maudlin sentiment about it but rather the deep sincerities of a true and self-revealing soul. We read the story from the introduction by Thomas Mott Osborne to the conclusion by Dr. Hallimond, superintendent of the Bowery Mission, with growing interest. This is an experience that reveals the power of genuine Christianity. It stands with the

books of Begbie and *The Dry Dock of a Thousand Wrecks*, representing the most effective apologetic that Christianity has to offer to the world. The love that these men have for the Missions where they find their new life leads us to wonder if greater personal loyalty to the churches would not be insured if they were leading men into such new experiences as the Salvation Army and the Missions help their converts to attain. We commend this book to everyone who craves a fresh breath of sincerity and conviction and who is ready to have his heart kindled by another chapter of the acts of Christ.

A Parent's Job. By Columbus N. Millard. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1917. Pp. vii+227. \$1.00.

The author writes with earnestness and clear style from the standpoint of a school principal to parents concerning their part in the education of children through the eighth grade. It is a book full of useful suggestions and generally sane and practical. The single chapter, "Health Habits," is worth the cost of the book. There is no appeal from the fundamental proposition that the success of our public schools depends upon closer co-operation between the teacher and the parent. This book will help in attaining this ideal.

Patriotism and Radicalism. By Mercer Green Johnston. Boston: Sherman, French & Co., 1917. Pp. 218. \$1.25.

Nine pieces of varied character compose this volume. They are chiefly concerned with the questions of American policy brought forth by the war. Two of them are devoted to Washington. There is a vigorous handling of the pacifist under the title "Paxomaniacs." The writer prints certain "Letters to Radicals" which are of no particular value. In one of these, dated March 15, 1917, the following interesting bit of autobiography is given: "At the close of a somewhat dramatic rectorship of Trinity Church, Newark—the leading Episcopal church of the Diocese of Newark, officered by representatives of vested interests trebly entrenched—I announced myself, for the first time, as a Socialist." This indicates the point of view from which the various addresses and papers are presented. They are earnest and interesting, but they make no contribution to our definition of American ideals.

Stories for Any Day. By Carolyn Sherwin Bailey. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1917. Pp. 163. \$1.00.

The stories in this well-made book are supposed to be told by the finest sort of a grand-